

1 to reiterate once again that we are violating fundamental
2 Constitutional principals here in becoming so detailed,
3 in providing for the legislative procedure.

4 No outstanding Constitutional authorities
5 would agree that you must provide all of this procedural
6 detail for the passage of bills.

7 Now, Section 3.17 raises very seriously the
8 question of providing that a transcript of the debates
9 must be maintained as a Constitutional matter. I interpret
10 that as mandatory and when something is mandatory, there
11 is no discretion whatsoever, so that if you are depending
12 upon mechanical equipment for recording of the debates,
13 and mechanical equipment -- and if the mechanical equip-
14 ment doesn't work, to your knowledge, or if you are de-
15 pending upon stenographic transcript, and the stenogra-
16 pher loses his notes, a very serious legal question arises
17 as to whether you have the type of a record which would
18 sustain the legality of any legislative proceedings which
19 might have been taken.

20 Now, I checked the Federal Constitution and I
21 found no such requirements as we have here. The Federal